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SUBJECT: PERON, CASTRO EXCHANGE LETTERS

1. SUMMARY. GOA RELEASED TO LOCAL PRESS MARCH 4 THE TEXTS OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN PRESIDENT PERON AND FIDEL CASTRO. FOLLOWING DAY FULL PAGE ADS CARRYING TEXTS WERE PLACED IN MANY MAJOR BA PAPERS AT BEHEST OF GOA. BELOW ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF EXCHANGE, FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED ARA/APU. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER FULSOME OPENING REMARKS PERON NOTED TO CASTRO THAT TRADE MISSION UNDER HIS FRIEND GELBARD (GOA ECONMIN AND HEAD OF ARGENTINE TRADE DELEGATION) ATTESTS TO THE PRACTICAL BREAK-THROUGH IN GOA/GOC TIES.

3. WHILE NOTING THAT NATIONAL REVOLUTIONS CANNOT ALL BE ALIKE, PERON STILL CALLS FOR LA UNITY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO "SPEAK WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE....IN THIRD-WORLD THAT WILL GUARANTEE OUR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND OUR FREEDOM IN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS."

4. PERON ENDS LETTER BY COMMENTING THAT HE AND CASTRO HAVE TASK OF CONSOLIDATING REVOLUTIONARY GAINS, CONSERVING LIVES AND TRANSMITTING THEIR EXPERIENCE TO YOUTH TO HELP THEM AVOID ERRORS.

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5. CASTRO, EQUALLY WARM IN HIS PERSONAL REMARKS TO PERON, STRESSES THE GRATITUDE OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE FOR THE POSITION ARGENTINA TOOK IN SUPPORT OF CUBA AT THE MFM, IN SPITE OF FACT CUBA WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA. HE NOTES CUBA'S PLEASURE IN BEING ABLE TO BUY FROM ARGENTINA, AN ACT WHICH FURTHERS LA INTEGRATION AN ESSENTIAL AND IMMEDIATE STEP ACCORDING TO CASTRO.

6. COMMENT: GOA BY PLACING ADS IN PRESS CLEARLY WISHED TO GIVE MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO PERON'S EXCHANGE WITH CASTRO. WHILE GOA UNDOUBTEDLY HAPPY WITH COMMERCIAL RESULTS OF TRIP, ARGENTINE LEFT MUST SEE IRONY OF WARM EXCHANGE WITH CASTRO SHARING HEADLINE SPACE WITH CRACKDOWN ON "CORDOBA MARXISTS".
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